Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I think it is Rs. 8 thousand.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In answer to a previous question it was stated that the average is 5 to 6 thousand rupees and here so far the assessment is Rs. 10 thousand. The difference is not only with reference to last year but also with reference to some previous years. Why that difference is the question.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We cannot prevent these people from raising double crops.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Am I to take it that this increase is due to the fact that there is a larger area cultivated this year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is one of the reasons.

Provision for Panangai lane and road at Cheruvallikadavu.

600. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention with reference to the list of works considered by the Road Board for being provided for in the 1108 budget:—

(a) whether (i) improving the Panangai lane and (ii) opening a road at Cheruvallikadavu in Anjur village had been included in the list;

(b) whether these items of work have been carried out; and if not, will it be carried out before the end of the current year; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken by the P. W. D. to include these items of work in the budget for the next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) These works were included in the list considered by the Road Board but could not be provided in the budget for want of funds.

(b) Please see answer to (a). It will not be possible to find funds for carrying out the works in the current year.

(c) Necessary levels for the improvement to the Panangai lane have been completed. The estimate for the road at Cheruvallikadavu has also been prepared.

Agricultural Demonstration farms opened last year.

601. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The places where demonstration farms were opened last year by the Agricultural Department with the names of those in whose lands it was done;

(b) how far the demonstrations proved successful;

(c) is there any increase in the number of farms this year;

(d) if so, how much?

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